

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment filed on May 28, 2008 has been entered. Claims 12-19 and 21-26 remain pending in the current application.

Priority

The certified English translation of the foreign application has been received and acknowledged.

Drawings

The replacement drawings were received on May 28, 2008. These drawings are acceptable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-19 and 21-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 12 and 13: None of the prior arts either alone or in combination fairly teach or suggest a liquid crystal display device comprising a first optical film having a refractive index relationship of $n_x=n_y>n_z$ is arranged between the light crystal cell and a first retardation plate and a second optical film having refractive index relationship of $n_x=n_y<n_z$ is arranged between the first retardation plate and the first polarizer, wherein the first retardation plate is

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arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the first polarizer and having a retardation in a plane ob not less than 120 nm and not more than 160nm. Therefore, claims 12 and 13 are deemed non-obvious and inventive over the prior arts, thus are allowed.

As to claims 14-19 and 21-26: Since claims 14-19 and 21-26 depend either directly or indirectly on the allowed claims 12 and 13, therefore, are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WEN-YING PATTY CHEN whose telephone number is (571)272-8444. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, David C. Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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